P.R. No. 5481/06 Single Bench
Presented by Shri Uma patel
dated 5.10.06

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH
AT BILASPUR

WRIP PETITION (S). No. 5476 /2006

PETITIONER : Narad Manjhi S/o. Shri Bal Mukund Manjhi, aged about 38 years, Occupation Assistant Teacher – Adhikshak Balak Ashram Gaydabri, Block Chhura, District Raipur (C.G.). presently at R/o. Balak Ashram Gaydabri, Block Chhura, District Raipur (C.G.)

VERSUS

RESPONDENTS :1) State Of Chhattisgarh, Through Secretary, Tribal Welfare, DKS Bhavan, Raipur (C.G.)

:2) Assistant Commissioner, Department of Tribal Welfare, Raipur (C.G.)

:3) The Block Education Officer Chhura, District Raipur (C.G.)

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WRIT PETITION UNDER ARTICLES 226/227
OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

W.P.(S) No. 5465 of 2006

Petitioners : Ashok Kumar Bisen & others

Versus

Respondents : State of Chhattisgarh & others

And

W.P.(S) No. 5476 of 2006

Petitioner : Narad Manjhi

Versus

Respondents : State of Chhattisgarh & others

SB: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Satish K. Agnihotri, J

Smt. Hameeda Siddque, counsel for the petitioners.

Shri Ajay Dwivedi, Panel lawyer for the respondents/State.

O R D E R

(9th October, 2006)

The following order of the Court is passed by **Satish K. Agnihotri, J.**

1. By this petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, the petitioners seek a direction to the respondents to pay the increments and seniority on the basis of the date of their initial appointments in the light of the decision rendered by the learned State Administrative Tribunal, Jabalpur in O.A. No. 1452/98 (Harish Chand Singh & others Vs. State of M.P. & others) dated 31.1.2000.

2. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners placed on record a copy of the order dated 23.3.2006 passed by this Court in Writ Petition No. 2577/2003 (NemSingh Thakur and others Vs. State of

Chhattisgarh & others) and submits that the petitioners are similarly situated, therefore the similar order may be passed.

3. The present writ petitions, being W.P.(S) No. 5465/2006 and W.P.(S) No. 5476/2006 involve similar facts and common question of law. Thus, these petitions are being disposed of by this common order.

4. The cases of the petitioners are that they were appointed as Teachers in the School Education Department/Tribal Welfare Department, on probation for a period of two years with the fixed salary. However, later on after completion of two years probation, the petitioners were regularized but they were not given the regular pay scale. Other similarly situated teachers moved the State Administrative Tribunal, Jabalpur for regular pay scale, wherein learned Tribunal vide order dated 31.1.2000 allowed the same. The petitioners made several representations to accord the same treatment as they are also similarly situated Upper Division Teachers but the respondents have not paid any heed. Thus, this petition.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners may be allowed to make a representation to the Respondent No. 1 to give similar treatment to the petitioners and the same pay scale which have been sanctioned to other similarly situated teachers on account of the order of the State Administrative Tribunal dated 31.1.2000, to which learned State counsel has no objection.

6. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, in the opinion of this Court the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners appears to

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be reasonable. Therefore, the petitioners are allowed to make a representation within a period of two weeks from today to the respondent No. 1, raising all their grievances and in turn the Respondent No.1 shall decide the said representation in an objective manner within a period of 30 days from the date of receipt of such representation, after considering all the points raised by the petitioners and taking into account the order dated 31.1.2000 passed by the learned State Administrative Tribunal in O.A. No. 1452/98.

7. Both the writ petitions are accordingly disposed of with the aforesaid direction. No order as to costs.

8. A copy of this order be placed in the record of other one connected writ petition.

Sd/-
Satish K. Agnihotri
Judge

Thakur